

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-64. (Cancelled)

65. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[64]] 76, wherein the consult data includes at least one of textual queries and textual statements.

66. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[64]] 76, wherein the consult data includes at least one of still images and moving images.

67. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[64]] 76, wherein the consult data includes sounds.

68. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[64]] 76, wherein transmitting the notification over the network to the second healthcare provider comprises generating an e-mail to the second healthcare provider, the e-mail informing the second healthcare provider that a request for a consultation has been received.

69. (Cancelled)

70. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[69]] 76, wherein transmitting the notification over the network to the first healthcare provider comprises generating an e-mail to the first healthcare provider, the e-mail informing the first healthcare provider that a consultation has been received.

71. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[69]] 76, wherein storing the consultation in the database comprises storing at least one of textual queries and textual statements in the database.

72. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[69]] 76, wherein storing the consultation in the database comprises storing at least one of still images and moving images in the database.

73. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[69]] 76, wherein storing the consultation in the database comprises storing sounds in the database.

74-75. (Cancelled)

76. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 75, further comprising:~~  
A method for a first healthcare provider to consult a second healthcare provider regarding at least one of diagnosis and treatment of a patient, the method comprising:

receiving a request for a consultation over a network submitted by the first healthcare provider via a first machine, the request including consult data;

storing the consult data in a database;

transmitting a notification over the network to the second healthcare provider

in response to receiving the request for a consultation, the notification informing the second healthcare provider that a request for a consultation has been received;

receiving a request for the consult data over the network from the second healthcare provider;

transmitting the consult data over the network to a second machine in response to the request for the consult data;

receiving a consultation over the network submitted by the second healthcare provider, the consultation including the second healthcare provider's assessment and/or diagnosis based on the consult data;

storing the consultation in the database;

transmitting a notification over the network to the first healthcare provider in response to receiving the consultation from the second healthcare provider, the notification informing the first healthcare provider that a consultation has been received;

receiving a request to view the consultation over the network from the first healthcare provider;

transmitting the consultation over the network to the first machine in response to the request to view the consultation;

transmitting a request for approval to use the consultation for medical educational purposes over the network to the first healthcare provider;

receiving an approval to use the consultation for medical educational purposes over the network from the first healthcare provider; and

electronically identifying the consultation as usable for medical education purposes in response to the approval received from the first healthcare provider.

77. (Previously presented) The method claim 76, further comprising:

receiving a request for medical education over a network submitted by a third healthcare provider via a third machine;

determining a number of consultations electronically identified as usable for medical educational purposes; and

transmitting data over the network to the third machine, the data including a list of the consultations electronically identified as usable for medical educational purposes.

78. (Previously presented) The method of claim 77, further comprising:

determining a selected consultation from the list of consultations electronically identified as usable for medical educational purposes based on a selection made by the third healthcare provider;

retrieving the selected consultation from the database; and  
transmitting the selected consultation over the network to the third machine.

79. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[64]] 76, further comprising electronically identifying the request for a consultation as pending until the second healthcare provider submits the consultation.

80. (Currently amended) The method of claim [[64]] 76, further comprising electronically identifying the request for a consultation as completed in response to receiving the consultation.

81. (Cancelled)

82. (Currently amended) ~~The method of claim 81, further comprising:~~  
A method for a first healthcare provider to consult a second healthcare provider regarding at least one of diagnosis and treatment of a patient, the method comprising:

receiving a request for a consultation over a network submitted by the first healthcare provider via a first machine, the request including consult data;

storing the consult data in a database;

transmitting a notification over the network to the second healthcare provider in response to receiving the request for a consultation, the notification informing the second healthcare provider that a request for a consultation has been received;

receiving a request for the consult data over the network from the second healthcare provider;

transmitting the consult data over the network to a second machine in response to the request for the consult data;

receiving a consultation over the network submitted by the second healthcare provider, the consultation including the second healthcare provider's assessment and/or diagnosis based on the consult data;

transmitting a notification over the network to a third healthcare provider in response to receiving the request for a consultation, the notification informing the third healthcare provider that a request for a consultation has been received;

receiving a request for the consult data over the network from the third healthcare provider;

transmitting the consult data over the network to a third machine in response to the request for the consult data from the third healthcare provider; and

receiving a consultation over the network submitted by the third healthcare

provider, the consultation including the second healthcare provider's assessment and/or diagnosis based on the consult data.

83. (Previously presented) The method of claim 82, further comprising:  
storing the consultation submitted by the third healthcare provider in the database; and

transmitting a notification over the network to the first healthcare provider in response to receiving the consultation submitted by the third healthcare provider, the notification informing the first healthcare provider that a consultation has been received.

84. (Previously presented) The method of claim 83, wherein transmitting the notification over the network to the first healthcare provider in response to receiving the consultation submitted by the third healthcare provider comprises generating an e-mail to the first healthcare provider, the e-mail informing the first healthcare provider that a consultation has been received.

85. (Previously presented) The method of claim 83, wherein storing the consultation submitted by the third healthcare provider comprises storing at least one of textual queries and textual statements in the database.

86. (Previously presented) The method of claim 83, wherein storing the consultation submitted by the third healthcare provider comprises storing at least one of still images and moving images in the database.

87. (Previously presented) The method of claim 83, wherein storing the consultation submitted by the third healthcare provider in the database comprises storing sounds in the database.

88. (Previously presented) The method of claim 83, further comprising:  
receiving a request to view the consultation submitted by the third healthcare provider over the network from the first healthcare provider; and

transmitting the consultation submitted by the third healthcare provider over the network to the first machine in response to the request to view the consultation.

89. (Previously presented) The method of claim 88, further comprising transmitting a request for approval to use the consultation submitted by the third healthcare provider for medical educational purposes over the network to the first healthcare provider.

90. (Previously presented) The method of claim 89, further comprising:  
receiving an approval to use the consultation submitted by the third healthcare provider for medical educational purposes over the network from the first healthcare

provider; and

electronically identifying the consultation submitted by the third healthcare provider as usable for medical education purposes in response to the approval received from the first healthcare provider.

91-101. (Cancelled)